



6/21/05

MOTION TO DISCHARGE

SB 246 (EMERSON)

SB 246 would “ . . . establish minimum funding for the public schools, the intermediate school districts, the community colleges, and the public universities of this state . . . ”

- The motion to discharge SB 246 was passed for the day (i.e., blocked) by the Republicans [RC 262: 21 yes (gop), 16 no (DEMS)]. Sen. Emerson argued that it was long overdue for this critical bill to be moved forward.

THIRD READING

SB 370 (Brown)

SB 370 would require the seller's disclosure statement to include a statement that property inspections should take into account indoor air and water quality, as well as evidence of unusually high levels of potential allergens. The bill would ensure that all Michigan homebuyers were getting the same advice by requiring the seller's disclosure form required for every residential transaction to include a recommendation that inspections take into account air and water quality as well as any evidence of unusually high levels of potential allergens. This should help make buyers aware of potential indoor air and water quality problems in a residence and could reduce future litigation between buyers and sellers.

- Brown 1 (3 amends) was adopted.
- BRATER 2 (1 amend) was defeated. Buyers would have to be notified if “the property is under the regulation of the state because of any of the following on the property: wetlands, floodplain, high-risk erosion area, designated sand dune, or designated natural river area.”
- THOMAS 3 (1 amend) was withdrawn.
- THOMAS 3 (1 amend) was adopted. Buyers would have to be notified specifically of: “household mold, mildew, bacteria.”
- SB 370 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 456 (Sanborn)

SB 456 would allow the Liquor Control Commission to allow a distributor to sell liquor below the minimum retail price in order to reduce excess inventory of a particular product. The product would have to be sold at a price and in a manner approved by the commission.

- SB 456 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

SB 471-81 (GOP)

SBs 471-81 would eliminate commissions, committees, boards, and panels that were established to assist, evaluate, or oversee the implementation and/or operation of the following: 1) The State courts' computerized information management system. 2) The Federal Chrysler Corporation Loan Guarantee Act. 3) The Enhanced Access to Public Records Act. 4) The State Research Fund. 5) The Michigan Strategic Fund. 6) The Highway Safety Fund.

- SB 471 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- SB 473 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- SB 474 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- SB 477 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- SB 478 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- SB 480 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- SB 481 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4623 (Nitz)

HB 4623 would permit the state potato industry commission to reapportion member districts. District reapportionment would have to be based on production or industry representation, and could not begin prior to 30 days after the bill's effective date. Reapportionment could not occur more than twice in a five-year period or within six months prior to a referendum. The bill provides the state potato industry commission with greater flexibility in selecting individuals to serve on the commission. Reportedly, the commission has had difficulty finding individuals willing to serve on the commission, as production now varies greatly among the districts. Moreover, most of the other agricultural commodity marketing committees currently enjoy similar authority to reapportion their membership, as appropriate.

Support: Michigan Farm Bureau, Potato Growers of Michigan, Michigan Dept. of Agriculture.

- HB 4623 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4635 (Hansen)

HB 4635 would require the Department of Agriculture to develop rules concerning the distribution, sale, and storage of ammonium nitrate fertilizer (which can be used to make explosives). In particular, the rules would have to establish a system of tracking sales of ammonium nitrate and standards for noting suspicious purchase patterns.

Support: Department of Agriculture, Michigan Agri-Business Association, Michigan Farm Bureau.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- HB 4635 was moved to 3rd Reading.

RESOLUTIONS

SR 35 (BRATER)

SCR 22 (Brown)

SR 35 and SCR 22 would memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide assistance, including additional emergency funding, in the effort to mitigate the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer.

- SR 35 was adopted [no RC].
- SCR 22 was adopted [no RC].